

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM) AND THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION (ADEC) RELATING TO PROPOSED ACTIVITIES AT NIXON FORK MINE

BLM has received an application from Mystery Creek Resources, Inc., 2221 East St., Suite 200, Golden, CO 80401, to conduct mining activities on existing unpatented federal mining claims at Nixon Fork, located approximately 32 miles northeast of McGrath, Alaska, involving up to a total of 177.4 acres in portions of Township 26 South, Ranges 21 and 22 East, Kateel River Meridian. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*), and BLM regulations, a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared to evaluate the proposed action's potential impacts on the human and natural environment.

The Draft EA is available for viewing Monday through Friday, 7:30 to 4:00 at:

BLM, Anchorage Field Office
6881 Abbott Loop Road
Anchorage, AK 99507

It is also available on the State of Alaska Division of Mining, Land & Water website www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/mining/largemine/nixonfork/index.htm or by contacting David Kelley at (907) 267-1246, DKelley@ak.blm.gov.

Comments regarding the draft EA must be received within 30 days of the first publication of this notice. Comments can be hand delivered or mailed to the Anchorage Field Office, or faxed to (907) 267-1267.

This notice shall also serve as public notice required in 18 AAC 15 for ADEC's intent to issue a Waste Management Permit under Alaska Statute 46.03. A draft Waste Management Permit, permit No. 2003-DB0055, for the disposal of solid waste and wastewater from the Nixon Fork Mine can be accessed at the State of Alaska Division of Mining, Land & Water website listed above.

Comments regarding this draft decision must be sent within 30 days of the first publication of this notice. Copies of the draft Waste Management Permit are available upon request.

DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS: 5:00 p.m., 11/21/05

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT WASTE MANAGEMENT PERMIT, CONTACT:

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